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1. pilotage was compulsory and was available day and night. The pilot came aboard from a small motor boat dispatched from the lightship. Although the exact depth of the channel leading to Leningrad could not be determined, it was estimated to be about 33 feet. Ships drawing more than 27 feet were not allowed to enter Kronshtadt harbor. The width of the channel, which was marked by perches, was estimated to be 200 feet. Two ships could pass without difficulty. 25X1
2. No war ruins were observed in Kronshtadt. The town, as well as the individual buildings, looked entirely undamaged. The same applied to jetties and breakwaters. Only a small portion of the jetty, which shuts off the eastern harbor basin in the south, was in ruins. 25X1
3. Seven submarines were berthed in the western sections of the harbor. In the middle basin, the larger vessels were berthed, apparently moored with the stern tied up to the quay and the bow made fast to buoys. There were few ships in the middle harbor, which seemed to be kept free for maneuvering large vessels. On the other hand, the harbor basin adjoining the middle basin in the east was full of medium and small vessels. A roughly estimated total of 40 to 50 naval vessels was berthed there. The entrances to the harbor basins appeared to agree with the indications on the sea chart, however, two of the entrances to the middle basin were blocked by destroyer No. 15 and a battleship.
4. The harbor was dominated by a huge floating crane moored near the graving dock. A radio station with two tall radio masts was a conspicuous mark in the western section of the town. Each radio mast carried three red lights. 25X1

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